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FOR OES NOSENZO FROM CHARGE

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, MNUC, ENRG, IR
SUBJ: US-IRAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF: TEHRAN 5640

1. ASSISTANT TO PRIMIN AMOUZEGAR, BAYANDOR, CALLED CHARGE TO STATE THAT PRIMIN HAD DISCUSSED AMBASSADOR'S APPROACH (REFTEL) WITH "HIGHER AUTHORITY." IRANIAN POSITION WAS, HE SAID, THAT IF US EXTENDED REPROCESSING RIGHTS TO ANOTHER PARTY FOLLOWING RATIFICATION OF THE US-IRAN BILATERAL, THEN IRAN SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE SAME BENEFITS. IRAN WANTED AUTHENTIC MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT, HE STATED.

2. COMMENT: BAYANDOR, WHO HAS LITTLE BACKGROUND ON NUCLEAR NEGOTIATIONS, RECEIVED HIS INSTRUCTIONS ORALLY FROM THE PRIMIN AND, WHEN HE FIRST TALKED WITH CHARGE, THE REPORT WAS TERRIBLY CONFUSED. CHARGE REQUESTED FURTHER CLARIFICATION AND PARA ONE WAS THE RESULT.

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3. REF NOSENZO LETTER OF JUNE 19 TO NAAS. PARA ONE ABOVE WOULD ACCOMMODATE NUMBERED PARA (1) ON PAGE TWO OF LETTER ("FOLLOWING RATIFICATION".) ALSO, I AM QUITE CONFIDENT GOI WILL ACCEPT NUMBERED PARA (2) IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER BUT MAY WISH KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR TREATMENT FOR IRANIAN RESEARCH PROGRAM IN DISTANT FUTURE. NUMBERED PARA (3) MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE THIS COULD BE SEEN AS MOVING AWAY

FROM MFN TREATMENT. I SUGGEST IN THIS REGARD YOU LOOK INTO ETEMAD'S IDEA OF "COMMERCIAL UTILIZATION" OF PLUTONIUM OR RESIDUAL URANIUM.

4. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN WILL BE IN THE DEPARTMENT JUNE 26-28 AND HIS VIEWS SHOULD BE ELICITED.

5. IN A SEPARATE BUT RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE JUNE 25 ISSUE OF KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL REPORTS THE PUBLIC STATEMENT BY FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER DENIAN THAT IRAN AND FRANCE ARE NEGOTIATING DETAILS OF AN OIL BARTER ARRANGEMENT FOR NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS. THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF SUCH NEGOTIATION, SUGGESTING STRONGLY THAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE NEARING COMPLETION FOR IRAN'S NEXT TWO (AT MINIMUM) OF FOUR NUCLEAR UNITS.
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